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TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IN

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM FOREIGN MINISTER TO THE SECRETARY

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM FOREIGN MINISTER  
VAJPAYEE TO THE SECRETARY WHICH WAS HANDED OVER TO  
DEPARTMENT OFFICER BY INDIAN EMBOFF MAY 23.

2. BEGIN TEXT: I APPRECIATED YOUR GREETINGS WHEN I  
ASSUMED THIS OFFICE. I AM WRITING TO YOU AS I THINK  
WE MAY HAVE AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO MEET IN PARIS AT  
THE CIEC. THOUGH THE SETTING THERE WILL BE MULTILATERAL,  
I HOPE WE HAVE A CHANCE TO BRIEF EACH OTHER ABOUT THE  
POLICIES OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES - BOTH UNDER NEW GOVERNMENTS -  
AND TO SEE HOW WE CAN WORK TO STRENGTHEN OUR COMMON  
PURPOSES. I WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED TO HAVE YOUR  
IMPRESSIONS OF THE SERIES OF HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS YOU  
HAVE BEEN ATTENDING IN RECENT WEEKS.

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3. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE MEETING OF THE INDO-US JOINT  
COMMISSION IS OVERDUE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HOLDING IT  
IN NEW DELHI THIS TIME. TO GIVE THE JOINT COMMISSION  
A FRUCTIFYING IMPETUS, WE COULD FIRST SEE THAT THE

SUB-COMMISSIONS COMPLETE THEIR MEETINGS, PERHAPS, THIS

SUMMER.

4. LATER IN THE YEAR, WHEN THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS, I HOPE TO GO TO NEW YORK AND PERHAPS VISIT WASHINGTON AS WELL, TO SPEND SOME TIME ON EXPLORING THE POTENTIAL OF OUR RELATIONS. SUCH A DIALOGUE WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH THE LETTERS EXCHANGED BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRIME MINISTER DESAI.

5. THERE ARE MANY SUBJECTS ON THE GLOBAL HORIZON OF COMMON INTEREST TO US. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS WILL BE IN THE FOREFRONT IN PARIS, BUT POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN AREAS OF TENSION ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT. IN SOUTH ASIA, WE HAVE BEEN PERSISTING WITH BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS IN THE HOPE OF GREATLY INTENSIFIED COOPERATION AND MUTUAL BENEFIT. WE ARE SURE THIS IS IN THE INTERESTS OF STABILITY AND PEACE. ONLY BY CREATING A NETWORK OF BENEFICIAL BILATERAL RELATIONS CAN WE CORRECT THE DANGEROUS IMBALANCES AND TENSIONS IN THE WORLD.

6. HAVING BECOME THE CUSTODIANS OF THE INDIAN PEOPLE'S TRUST IN A HISTORIC UPSURGE OF ENTHUSIASM FOR THE VALUES OF DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM, WE IN OUR GOVERNMENT ARE ANXIOUS TO BEND OUR ENERGIES TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HUMANE AND THRIVING SOCIETY AND ALSO TO IMPROVE OUR RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES.

7. THE DIALOGUE WHICH WE INITIATE WOULD BE, I TRUST, A VALUABLE ADJUNCT TO OUR BILATERAL EXCHANGES IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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TIMES AHEAD.

8. WITH KIND REGARDS, YOURS SINCERELY, (SIGNED)  
ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE. END TEXT. VANCE

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